

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 932 - HB 744

February 15, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Effective January 1, 2014, requires any public building subject to statewide building regulations to mark the entire length of the edge of each stair step with two inch thick, black and yellow, low vision, anti-slip paint. The tape would be applied to buildings on an individual basis as required by routine and customary maintenance. All such markings are required to be completed by December 1, 2016.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures –

Exceeds \$2,625,000/FY13-14
Exceeds \$2,625,000/FY14-15
Exceeds \$2,625,000/FY15-16
Exceeds \$2,625,000/FY16-17
Exceeds \$1,575,000/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years

Increase Local Expenditures –

Exceeds \$1,750,000/FY13-14
Exceeds \$1,750,000/FY14-15
Exceeds \$1,750,000/FY15-16
Exceeds \$1,750,000/FY16-17
Exceeds \$1,050,000/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- Expenditures are assumed to be spread across a four fiscal year time frame beginning in FY13-14 and ending in FY16-17.
- According to Tenn. Code Ann. §68-120-203, “public building” means any building, structure, or improved area owned or leased by the state of Tennessee or its political subdivisions, and any building, structure, or improved area used primarily by the general public as a place of gathering or amusement, including, but not limited to theaters, restaurants, hotels, factories, office buildings, stadiums, hospitals, voting areas, shopping areas, convention centers and all other public accommodations.
- Based on information provided by the Department of General Services, the average cost of tape, paint, equipment, and labor will be \$7.00 per stair step.

- The precise number of steps in and around state public buildings cannot be determined. Based on information provided by the Department of General Services, the number of stair steps statewide is estimated to exceed 1,500,000.
- A total increase in state expenditures exceeding \$10,500,000 (1,500,000 steps x \$7.00)
- Allocated over a four fiscal year time period, the annual increase in state expenditures will exceed \$2,625,000 per fiscal year (\$10,500,000 / 4 years).
- On average, 15 percent of tape and paint will have to be replaced following the fourth fiscal year (FY16-17). A recurring increase in state expenditures beginning in FY17-18 is estimated to exceed \$1,575,000 (1,500,000 steps x \$7.00 x 15 percent).
- The precise number of stair steps in local public buildings cannot be determined. The number of steps in local public buildings is estimated to exceed 1,000,000.
- A total increase in local expenditures exceeding \$7,000,000 (1,000,000 steps x \$7.00).
- Allocated over a four fiscal year time period, the annual increase in local expenditures will exceed \$1,750,000 per fiscal year (\$7,000,000 / 4 years).
- On average, 15 percent of tape and paint will have to be replaced following the fourth fiscal year (FY16-17). A recurring increase in local expenditures beginning in FY17-18 is estimated to exceed \$1,050,000 (1,000,000 steps x \$7.00 x 15 percent).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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